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## **Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-captioned matter, please enter the following amendments to the claims:

- 4) (AMENDED) A composition according claim 2 wherein said ester is an ethyl, propyl, or butyl ester of said acid.
- 5) (AMENDED) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the ratio of said acid to said ester is from 0.01 to 10.
- 6) (AMENDED) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said auxiliary stabiliser is present in a amount of from 0.05 to 5% by weight of the composition.

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